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II. Remarks

Claims 1-19 presently stand rejected on the basis of prior art. Claims 20-29 stand as allowed.

By this paper, Applicants are amending Claims 1, 8, 9, and 20; canceling claim 7; and adding Claim 30. Accordingly, after entering this amendment, Claims 1-6 and 8-30 are pending. Reconsideration and further examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner allowed Claims 20-29. Claim 20 has been amended to properly replace the period in line 3 with a semi-colon. Applicants assert that this amendment does not affect the patentability of Claim 20, and respectfully request that Claims 20-29 be passed along to issuance.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowability of Claims 7-10 if rewritten to be in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to delete unnecessary claim elements of original Claim 1 and to include the limitations of original Claim 7. Applicants respectfully submit that the omission of the unnecessary elements does not affect the patentability of Claim 1, as discussed below.

Claims 2-6 and 10-19 depend on amended Claim 1.

New Claim 30, which depends on Claim 1, incorporates all of the elements of original Claim 7 and original Claim 1. Claims 8-9 have been amended to depend on Claim 30.

In view of the above and the remarks below, it is submitted that Claims 1-6, 7-19 and 30 are allowable and such action is requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 4, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,373,162 to Liang et al. ("*Liang*").

As discussed above, Claim 1 has been amended to include "lamination sections disposed along an interior surface of the stator assembly; and an armature winding disposed in the lamination sections." *Liang* does not disclose an armature

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winding disposed in lamination sections. Applicants respectfully assert that *Liang* does not anticipate Claim 1.

Claims 2, 4, and 18 depend on Claim 1. Being dependent upon an allowable base claim, it is respectfully submitted that dependant Claims 2, 4, and 18 are likewise allowable for the reasons discussed above.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected Claims 3, 5, 6, 10-17, and 19 as being unpatentable over *Liang* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,472,790 to *Rose*, U.S. Patent No. 6,429,556 to *Nakamura et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,310,452 to *Deck et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,169,349 to *Davenport*, and U.S. Patent No. 5,936,325 to *Permuy*.

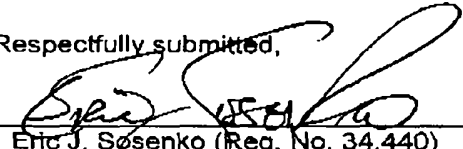
Claims 3, 5, 6, 10-17 and 19 depend on Claim 1. Being dependent upon an allowable base claim, it is respectfully submitted that dependent Claims 3, 5, 6, 10-17 and 19 are likewise allowable for the reasons discussed above.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited references. Applicants therefore request the Examiner to grant allowance of these claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicants via telephone No. (734) 302-6000, if such communication would expedite this application.

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